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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FILTERING BODY FLUID

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Each item of information cited herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement, in accordance with C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1). These documents are being cited contemporaneously with the payment of the issue fee. More particularly, the information being cited is an Opposition ruling from the E.P.O. Opposition Division dated August 8, 2005 for counterpart foreign application 95 925 591.0, now patent number EP 0 769 926 B1.

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The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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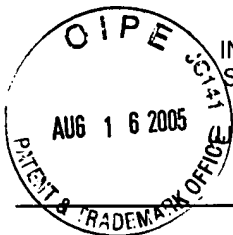
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

			August 8, 2005 Minutes of the oral proceedings before the Opposition Division regarding EP 0 769 926 B1 (6 pages).
			August 8, 2005 Interlocutory decision in Opposition proceedings regarding EP 0 769 926 B1 (46 pages).

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